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SELF HELP GROUP IN ANDHRA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether tlie Andhra Pradesh Government`s lending to SHGs is the highest in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years;

(c) whether the State Government has sought any assistance from the Union Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a) to (d) : The Self Help Group - Bank Linkage programme is one of the models of microfinance ,n the country and the Commercial Banks, Cooperative Banks and the Regional Rukil Banks participate in the programme. The Bank`s lending to SHGs promoted in Andhra Pradesh under SHG Bank Linkage Programme is the highest in the country. The details of SHGs linked to banks during the last three years in Andhra Pradesh are as under:

Particulars	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07#
Cumulative no. of SHGs financed as on 31 March	92,927	587,238	683,619
Cumulative Bank Loan (Rs. in crore)	2,746.09	4,345.52	7,120,97

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